

The Honorable Robert J. Bryan

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

LAWRENCE HARTFORD, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BOB FERGUSON, in his official capacity as
Washington State Attorney General, et al.,

Defendants.

NO. 3:23-cv-05364-RJB

STIPULATION AND ~~PROPOSED~~
ORDER REGARDING THE
ADMISSIBILITY OF SURVEYS
AUTHORED BY WILLIAM ENGLISH

RJB

I. RECITALS

1. In their Complaint in this matter, Plaintiffs cite an unpublished study authored by William English entitled "2021 National Firearm Survey: Updated Analysis Including Types of Firearms Owned," dated May 13, 2022. Dkt. # 1, ¶¶ 37, 41, 50. Plaintiffs also relied on this study in their Motion for Preliminary Injunction. Dkt. # 10 at 9.

2. State Defendants issued a subpoena duces tecum to Mr. English under Fed. R. Civ. P. 45 to obtain information about, *inter alia*, the bases of the conclusions in the study (including all versions thereof) and the methodology used for the study.

3. On January 11, 2024, State Defendants filed a motion to compel a response to the subpoena. Dkt. # 79.

1 4. On January 12, Attorney Chad Flores accepted service of the subpoena on
2 Mr. English's behalf, and the parties agreed to a production date of January 23, 2024.

3 5. On January 22, 2024, State Defendants agreed to withdraw their subpoena and
4 their pending motion to compel if Plaintiffs agreed that they would not rely on Mr. English's
5 work in any respect in this lawsuit.

6 ~~Plaintiff and the State Defendants,~~ II. STIPULATION
7 The Parties, by and through their respective attorneys of record, hereby stipulate to the
8 following:

9 1. The Plaintiffs shall not cite to or rely upon the following studies (collectively, the
10 Covered Studies) by Mr. English:

- 11 a. "2021 National Firearms Survey," *Georgetown McDonough School of*
12 *Business Research Paper No. 3887145*, available at
13 https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3887145;
14 b. "2021 National Firearms Survey: Updated Analysis Including Types of
15 Firearms Owned," *Georgetown McDonough School of Business Research*
16 *Paper No. 4109494*, available at
17 https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4109494; and
18 c. "2021 National Firearms Survey: Analysis of Magazine Ownership and
19 Use," *Georgetown McDonough School of Business Research Paper*
20 *No. 4444288*, available at
21 https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4444288.

22 2. Plaintiffs also shall not rely on any finding, conclusion, or other statement from any
23 court or case to the extent such finding, conclusion, or statement is based solely on any of the
24 Covered Studies.

3. To the extent any third party (e.g., an amicus) files a brief relying on the Covered Studies, Plaintiffs agree not to rely on any assertion in the amicus brief based on the Covered Studies in their briefing in this case.

4. State Defendants hereby WITHDRAW their subpoena duces tecum to Mr. English.

5. Within three days of the Court's acceptance of this stipulation, the State Defendants shall strike their Motion to Compel, Dkt. # 79.

DATED this 25th day of January 2024.

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III. ORDER

SO ORDERED.

DATED this 29th day of Jan 2024



The Honorable Robert J. Bryan
United States District Judge